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Subject: correlation coefficient and confidence level  
Posted by [gunvicsin11](#) on Mon, 10 Feb 2014 01:04:56 GMT  
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Hello everyone,

Is it possible to find confidence level for the correlation coefficient. Please let me know if you have any idea.

thanking you in advance

sid

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Subject: Re: correlation coefficient and confidence level  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 10 Feb 2014 01:08:17 GMT  
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I have an idea. What have you tried that didn't work?

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [gunvicsin11](#) on Mon, 10 Feb 2014 01:44:23 GMT  
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Subject: Re: correlation coefficient and confidence level

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 10 Feb 2014 02:35:57 GMT

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Low and behold, there is code in there that calculates the confidence level of the correlation coefficient! Lucky! But, you know, sometimes it happens. :-)

Simply translating the SAS code to IDL (I'm pretty sure you could have done this, if I managed it), I get this:

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n = 101
data_1 = cgDemoData(1)+ RandomU(-3L, n) * 10
data_2 = cgDemoData(1)+ RandomU(-5L, n) * 10
cgScatter2D, data_1, data_2

rho = Correlate(data_1, data_2)
fisherTransform = 0.5*(alog(1+rho) - alog(1-rho))
sigmaz = 1.0 / Sqrt(n-3)
l_95 = fisherTransform - (1.96 * sigmaz)
h_95 = fisherTransform + (1.96 * sigmaz)

lo95 = (exp(2*l_95)-1)/(exp(2*l_95)+1)
hi95 = (exp(2*h_95)-1)/(exp(2*h_95)+1)
Print, 'Low 95% Confidence Level: ', lo95
Print, 'High 95% Confidence Level: ', hi95
END
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For a sanity check, I used another page from my Google search to find a confidence level calculator. I plugged my numbers in and they matched more or less:

<http://vassarstats.net/rho.html?>

I spent about 45 minutes on this, if you feel like you want to make a contribution to the work.

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Posted by [gunvicsin11](#) on Mon, 10 Feb 2014 06:09:55 GMT  
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Subject: Re: correlation coefficient and confidence level  
Posted by [Georgiana Ogrean](#) on Mon, 10 Feb 2014 09:17:57 GMT  
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So is it the p-value that you want to calculate?

On Monday, February 10, 2014 7:09:55 AM UTC+1, gunvi...@gmail.com wrote:

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Subject: Re: correlation coefficient and confidence level  
Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Mon, 10 Feb 2014 13:07:17 GMT  
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This topic comes over and over again. I believe this statistic basics should be native in IDL, as it is in Matlab and R (<http://www.mathworks.de/de/help/matlab/ref/corrcoef.html>)

Anyways, you can check the routine that Ken posted a couple of months ago:

<https://groups.google.com/d/msg/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/ql3TQuO-MM-Y/9rcpU2Jeo78J>

Cheers,

Fabien

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